CLAIMS

1. A method of playing a board game, comprising:

advancing a game piece to a game space;

tasting an unidentified beverage in response to the game piece landing on the game space; and

answering at least one question about the unidentified beverage.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

performing a preliminary tasting of at least two beverages before advancing to the game space.

- 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the at least two beverages include the unidentified beverage.
- 4. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

recording information about each of the at least two beverages.

- 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the information includes at least one of a name, a year, a type, a region, and a country of each of the at least two beverages.
- 6. The method of claim 4, further comprising:

reviewing the information before answering the at least one question about the unidentified beverage.

7. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

utilizing information obtained from the preliminary tasting to answer the at least one question about the unidentified beverage.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

advancing the game piece one game space if the question about the unidentified beverage is answered correctly; and

not advancing the game piece if the question about the unidentified beverage is answered incorrectly.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of answering at least one question about the unidentified beverage comprises:

answering N questions regarding the unidentified beverage; and

advancing the game piece one game space for each of the N questions that are answered correctly.

- 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the unidentified beverage is a wine.
- 11. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

advancing the game piece to another game space.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

answering a trivia question in response to the game piece landing on the other game space.

13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:

advancing the game piece one game space if the trivia question is answered correctly; and

not advancing the game piece if the trivia question is answered incorrectly.

14. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

determining to utilize a directive card.

15. The method of claim 14, further comprising:

utilizing the directive card to invoke a bonus condition;

answering the trivia question in response to the game piece landing on the other game space; and

if the trivia question is answered correctly, advancing the game piece one game space for responding correctly to the trivia question and advancing the game piece a predetermined number of bonus game spaces; and

if the trivia question is answered incorrectly, advancing at least one opponents game piece a predetermined number of bonus game spaces.

16. The method of claim 14, further comprising:

utilizing the directive card to invoke a challenge condition;

requesting that an opponent answer a trivia question; and

if the opponent answers the trivia question incorrectly, advancing the game piece a predetermined number of game spaces, and if the opponent answers the trivia question correctly, advancing a game piece of the opponent the predetermined number of game spaces.

17. A game board, comprising:

a plurality of trivia game spaces; and

at least one blind taste test game space.

- 18. The game board of claim 17, wherein the plurality of trivia game spaces and the at least one blind taste test game space are arranged in a predetermined pattern.
- 19. The game board of claim 18, wherein the plurality of trivia game spaces and the at least one blind taste test game space are arranged around the perimeter of the board.
- 20. The game board of claim 17, wherein the plurality of trivia game spaces each portray a wine label.
- 21. The game board of claim 20, wherein the wine label is a fictional wine label.
- 22. The game board of claim 20, wherein the wine label is an authentic wine label.

23. The game board of claim 20, wherein the wine label contains information pertaining to at least one of alcohol content, grape variety name, region, winemaker, and vintage of a wine.

24. The game board of claim 17, further comprising:

at least one directive card marker.

25. The game board of claim 17, further comprising:

at least one area that includes wine tasting vocabulary.

26. A kit, comprising:

a game board including a plurality of trivia game spaces and at least one blind taste test game space.

27. The kit of claim 26, further comprising:

a plurality of directive cards.

28. The kit of claim 26, further comprising:

a plurality of taste test note sheets to record information regarding a beverage.

29. The kit of claim 28, wherein the plurality of taste test note sheets each comprise:

at least one space for recording a sensory impression of the beverage.

30. The kit of claim 28, wherein the plurality of taste test note sheets each comprise:

at least one instruction explaining how to evaluate the beverage.

- 31. The kit of claim 28, wherein the beverage is wine.
- 32. The kit of claim 26, further comprising:

a plurality of game pieces.

- 33. The kit of claim 32, wherein the plurality of game pieces are each a cork.
- 34. The kit of claim 33, wherein each cork is a synthetic cork.

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35. The kit of claim 26, further comprising:

a plurality of trivia cards.